

## Dear Parents, Guardians and Woodward-Granger School Community Members,

By now you are aware of the latest phone threat to our Elementary school in Granger this past month. Although many of us have unanswered questions as we do not understand the motivation behind these kinds of threats towards children, one thing we do know is that this situation has certainly evoked a rollercoaster of emotions. There are simply no words to describe some of these emotions that our parents, students and staff went through during this particular incident as some may still be dealing with these presently.

As a result of our own experience and the constant coverage of school tragedies in the news, the district has made it a point to offer extensive support for our children in our local schools. This support comes in many forms and continues to address school safety, violence prevention and responding to any level of emergency. We want to assure you that the safety of students is our main concern and that schools have a crisis plan in place to prevent and to respond to such tragedies.

Each school regularly practices a variety of emergency response drills including lockdown/intruder, threats to the building, weather related events and fire drills. In fact, on $9 / 27 / 17$ of this year, District personnel and law enforcement agencies from the local area came together to review our school's emergency response practices with a focus on familiarizing law enforcement with our buildings and procedures when a CRISIS situation occurs on campus.

## Emergency Response Management

As the District's Superintendent I have worked collaboratively with building Principals to take the lead in promoting interagency cooperation between schools in our District. Community agencies and law enforcement have come together to ensure the safety of our children. Two specific interagency groups that focus on school safety have met this year and will continue to do so into the future. The first of these groups includes the local law enforcement/ first responder group mentioned above. This group includes but is not limited to: the Dallas County Sheriff's office, Woodward and Granger Police and Fire first responders along with multiple District personnel. In addition to this collaborative group the District has recently been training staff on dealing with trauma/mental health issues. Please Pass the Love is a nationally recognized organization that is committed to increasing school-based mental health supports. Several of Woodward-Granger staff have already been through one of this organizations trainings with another training being offered later this school year.

These combined efforts of universal CRISIS prevention/ intervention strategies, crisis response / safety procedures and law enforcement support ensure that all Woodward-Granger schools are provided with an array of services to confirm student safety.

As we learn from our recent experience at the elementary and continue to hear about the tragedies in schools, it will be important for you to spend time talking with your children and helping them cope with these situations. We know that children may raise questions and concerns about these experiences.

## Listed below are several tips from the American Psychological Association (APA) for parents to consider:

- Talk with your child. If children ask questions, talking to them about their worries and concerns is the first step to help them feel safe and begin to cope with the events occurring around them. What you talk about and how you say it does depend on their age, but all children need to be able to know that you are there and listening to them.
- Keep home a safe place. Children, regardless of age, often find home to be a safe haven when the world around them becomes overwhelming. During times of crisis, it is important to remember that your children may come home seeking the safe feeling they have being there.
- Watch for signs of stress, fear, or anxiety. After a traumatic event, it is typical for children (and adults) to experience a wide range of emotions including fearfulness, shock, anger, grief, and anxiety. Your children's behaviors may change because of their response to the event. They may experience trouble sleeping, difficulty with concentrating on schoolwork, or changes in appetite. This is normal for everyone and should begin to disappear in a few months.
- Take "news breaks." Your children may want to keep informed by gathering information about the event from the internet, television, or newspapers. It is important to limit the amount of time spent watching the news because constant exposure may actually heighten their anxiety and fears. For more information, visit the APA Help Center.


## You may also find the following resources helpful:

- Resources for Coping with Tragedy
- Caring for Kids After Trauma, Disaster and Death: A Guide for Parents and Professionals
- A Guide for Parents, Caregivers, and Teachers
- Psychological First Aid (PFA) for Students and Teachers: Listen, Protect, Connect - Model \& Teach
- Tips for Teachers and Parents Following School and Community Violence
- School Crisis Guide: Help and Healing in a Time of Crisis
- Disaster Distress Helpline
- Helping your children manage distress in the aftermath of a shooting
- Managing your distress in the aftermath of a shooting
- PTA: Talking about School Violence
- PBS: Talking to Kids About the News

Thank you for your support of our school system and for trusting us with your students. It is our most important responsibility, one that is close to our hearts, and one magnified even more by these senseless types of situations.

Sincerely,
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Brad Anderson, Superintendent Woodward-Granger CSD



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The High School coffee shop employees prepared resumes and visited The Perry Perk for a work site tour and job interview experience during Finals week. Thanks to Tari Mason, owner of the Perry Perk for supporting our students! Pictured from left to right-Hailee Ryan, Blake Kirkman, Owner- Tari Mason, and Quinten Torres.

Simpson Honor Band


Pictured: Tyler Montague, Erin Kamp and Sophie David

## 2018 District Large Group Speech



On Saturday, January 20th, the Woodward-Granger Speech Team took 34 students to compete in district competition. Those students participated in 11 different events. Four of those groups earned division II ratings.


Musical Theater
Whitney Halferty, Starr Claussen, Maggie Halferty, and Olivia Clark


Group Improvisation
Mallory Burkhart, Megan Burkhart, Katelyn Scharlau, Matt Hansen, and Sophia David, Ashlyn Soelberg, and Trenton Anderson


Group Mime

Chloe David

Ashton Daws, Joshlynn Clark, Hailey Morrison, and Kailie Beggs

While these four groups did not qualify for state competition, they worked diligently to prepare for districts, and put on their best performance.

We had 7 groups earn division I ratings, which qualifies them for state competition, which will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Waukee High School.


Musical Theater
Erin Kamp, Maggie Odegaard, Liv Jones


Short Film
Caleb Jones, Tanner Elston, Wyatt Ferris, Asher Little


Ensemble Acting
Tyler Montague, Whitney Halferty

Life serve Blood drive is Feb. 14th from 12:30-5:30 in Woodward at the High School Gymnasium. This is open to the public.

For more information please contact Tiffany Kiernan @ 515-438-2115 / tiffanykiernan@wghawks.school

## GIVE BLOOD



## 2018 Prom Dress Giveaway

Sponsored by: Project Fresh Start \& Ankeny Community Engagement


PARKVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL Performing Arts Center 105 NW Pleasant St, Ankeny, IA 50023

DISTRIBUTION DATE TIMES

| FRIDAY MARCH 2 | 4:30pm-6:30pm |
| :--- | :--- |
| SATURDAY MARCH 3 | 10:00am-12:00pm |
| SUNDAY MARCH 4 | $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}-3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ |
| MONDAY | MARCH 5 |



## Key Reminders:

- There is NEVER a charge for a dress
- Only school names (not recipients) are recorded
- Dresses come in a variety of sizes, colors, and designs
- Dresses are new or slightly used
- Dressing rooms are available
- Help sorting through and finding a dress is always available

Current Participating Schools

| Ankeny <br> Centennial | Ankeny High <br> School | Ankeny <br> Christian <br> Academy |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ballard | Bondurant <br> Farrar | Collins- <br> Maxwell |
| Saynston | Madrid | North Polk |
| Valley | Southeast Polk | Urbandale |
|  |  | Woodward- <br> Granger |



Ankeny Community Engagement 306 SW School Street, Ankeny, lowa Phone: 289-3960 Project Fresh Start Chair: Dave Kissinger dkiss806@juno.com
Dress Giveaway Co-Chair: Amber McKenna mckenna.amber@gmail.com

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## DMACC Classes

Congratulations to our students who earn DMACC credit for first semester of the 2017-18 school year. 49 HS students earned 194 hours of college credit. A breakdown is below:

|  | \# of Students | \# of Credit Hours |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10th grade | 5 | 15 |
| 11th grade | 14 | 59 |
| 12th grade | 30 | 120 |

This means at least half of the senior class completed a college level course first semester.

## Senior Parents

If you are the parent of a graduating senior, we need your help. In an attempt to honor the history of WGHS, if your son or daughter is a 3rd generation graduate of WGHS, we want to know. We would like to honor your senior and family at graduation. Here is an example: Alyssa Bice Class of 2018

Wayne Bice Class of 1988 (Father)
Bud Bice Class of 1949 (Grandfather)

Kesley Bodensteiner Class of 2017
Allison Howell (Bice) Class of 1985 (Mother)
Russell Bice Class of 1949 (Grandfather)
Nylene York Class of 1949 (Grandmother)
If your family lineage of graduates of WGHS goes back more than 3 generations, please include everyone. The hope is we have 3rd, 4th, 5th and further generations graduating from WGHS to celebrate.

## 9th Period

Beginning second semester of this school year, WGHS changed the daily schedule. A 9th period was added to provide students with additional support and/or instruction over coursework. Teachers will email each student and their respective parent/guardian if the student is required to attend 9th period. Attendance will be required if a teacher assigns a student, however, students are available to seek out teachers for additional support if they feel the need. Below is the new WGHS schedule for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Period Time 1st 8:25-9:09
2nd
9:12-9:56
3rd
9:59-10:43
4th
$10: 46-11: 30$

5th 11:33-12:41
Lunch A 11:33-11:54 B 12:20-12:41
6th
$12: 44-1: 28$

7th $1: 31-2: 15$

8th
2:18-3:02

9th
3:05-3:30

## Library News and Tips

Recently we have added quite a few books to all three of our library collections. The books are chosen after careful consideration including reading reviews and checking that the book supports curriculum. It's also important to make sure we have books whose reading levels fit our students' needs.

Sometimes I'm asked how to know the reading level of a book. The easiest way is to look at the back cover to see if it is printed there. If it's not, there are several apps available for your personal device that will give you the information you need. Scholastic has two in particular. The first, Book Wizard, allows

you to search by the author or title. The book is displayed, along with its interest level (by grade) and it's Guided Reading Level. Another great tool is Scholastic's Book Fair app, which allows you to scan the barcode of a book with similar results. While neither of these apps are allencompassing, they do have quite a selection. If you are not sure what the different systems for leveling books mean, there are websites that have conversion charts to make it easier on you.



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## Don't Forget to Eat Your Vegetables

Woodward-Granger ELC and Elementary
Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily on the Fruit and Vegetable Bar

February 2018

MONDAY


| National Pancake Day | 19 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Pancakes |  |
| Fruit Topping |  |
| Omelet |  |
| Chef Salad |  |
| Tri Tator |  |
|  |  |

Corn Dog
Chef Salad
Baked Beans

## FRIDAY




Green Beans
Homemade Brownie

Beach Day at the ELC
16
Hot Dog (Elementery-Choice of Chili and Cheese)

Deli Sandwich
Chips
Pickle Spear




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## Grandwood <br> Lunch

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily

February 2018

MONDAY


TUESDAY


WEDNESDAY


| Corn Dog |
| :--- |
| Corn |
| Apple Crisp |
| Chef Salad |
|  |

THURSDAY


FRIDAY

9
Cheeseburger on Bun
Golden French Fries
Chef Salad
Chicken Patty on Whole Grain
Bun
Corn
Chef Salad

| National Pancake Day | 19 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Pancakes |  |
| Fruit Topping |  |
| Sausage Patty |  |
| Tri Tator |  |
| Chef Salad |  |
|  |  |

Beefy Nachos with Cheese
Refried Beans
Deli Sandwich

Soft Beef Tacos
Refried Beans
Deli Sandwich
Fish Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes
Whole Grain Dinner Roll

Chef Salad | National Gum Drop Day |
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| Ham, Egg \& Cheese on an |
| English Muffin |
| Coleslaw |
| **Gumdrop Sugar Cookie** |

15
Cheese Bosco Stick

Chef Salad


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| Popcorn Chicken |
| Whole Grain Dinner Roll |
| Mashed Potatoes |
| Chef Salad |
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## Woodward-Granger High School



Classic Cafe Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Sausage Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Lasagna, Green Peas, Garlic Breadstick

Diner Cheeseburger on Bun

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Mik Choice of 1\% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim are Included with lunch.
For questions or comments, contact Mealdee Steele @ 515-438-2115 ext 5129
or at meladeesteele@wghawks.school
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Woodward-Granger 2017-18 Multiple Activities Schedule
(as of 01-25-2018)
$\left.\left.\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Activity } & \text { Time } & \text { Versus } & \text { Location } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Location } \\ \text { Detail }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { THURSDAY, FEB 01, 2018 } & & & & \text { Comments } \\ \text { Basketball: Girls JV Game } & 6: 00 \mathrm{pm} & \text { AC/GC } & \text { Woodward-Granger High } \\ \text { School }\end{array}\right] \begin{array}{lll}\text { Woodward-Granger High } \\ \text { School }\end{array}\right]$

SATURDAY, FEB 03, 2018

| HS Speech |  |  | State Large Group Speech Competition at Waukee. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HS Instrumental Music |  |  | Jack Oats Jazz Festival at Earlham |
| Wrestling: Varsity Sectional | TBD Winterset | Winterset High School | 2A Sectional Wrestling Meet |
| High School | 7:00pm-10:00pm | HS Commons | Winter Formal. \$10 <br> Admittance. |

MONDAY, FEB 05, 2018

| Basketball: Boys Freshman $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | WDM Valley | Woodward-Granger High | High School <br> Game |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| School |  |  |  |


| TUESDAY, FEB 06, 2018 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wrestling: Varsity Regional | 4:00pm | TBA, TBA | TBA |  | Wrestling <br> Regional Team Duals. WG will only participate if we qualify at the Sectional meet on 1/3/18. |
| Wrestling: JH Tournament | 4:00pm | Multiple Schools | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym |  |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | 6:00pm | AC/GC | AC-GC |  |  |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | 7:30pm | AC/GC | AC-GC |  |  |

THURSDAY, FEB 08, 2018

| Basketball: Boys JV Game | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Collins-Maxwell | Woodward-Granger High <br> School |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity <br> Game | $7: 30$ pm | Collins-Maxwell | Woodward-Granger High | High School <br> Gym |

Middle School
SATURDAY, FEB 10, 2018

| Basketball: Girls Varsity <br> Regional | TBD | TBA, TBA | Regional Girls <br> Basketball <br> Tournament <br> Game |  |
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| Wrestling: Varsity District |  |  |  |  |

MONDAY, FEB 12, 2018

| Basketball: Boys Varsity District | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | Boys HS Basketball District Tournament Round 1 |
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| TUESDAY, FEB 13, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Regional | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | Regional Girls Basketball Tournament Game - 2nd Round |
| Middle School | 4:00pm-8:00pm |  |  | MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences |

WEDNESDAY, FEB 14, 2018

| Wrestling: Varsity State Meet | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | Wrestling State Duals Meet |
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| THURSDAY, FEB 15, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity District | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | Boys HS <br> Basketball District Tournament Round 2 |
| Wrestling: Varsity State Meet | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | State <br> Individual/Team <br> Wrestling Meet |

## FRIDAY, FEB 16, 2018

| Basketball: Girls Varsity Regional | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | Regional Girls Basketball Tournament Game - Round 3 |
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| Wrestling: Varsity State Meet | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | State Individual/Team Wrestling Meet |
| MS Instrumental Music |  |  |  | Middle School Jazz Band at Indianola Jazz Encounter at Indianola HS Auditorium. This will be in the evening, but time is not determined yet. |

SATURDAY, FEB 17, 2018

| Wrestling: Varsity State Meet TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | State <br> Individual/Team Wrestling Meet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HS Instrumental Music |  |  | HS Jazz Band at Indianola Jazz Encounter at Indianola Auditorium |
| HS Speech |  |  | All-State Large Group Speech Festival at Iowa State University |
| HS Vocal Music |  |  | HS Show Choir at Indianola Jazz Encounter at Indianola HS Gym |
| FFA |  |  | FFA WEEK |

MONDAY, FEB 19, 2018

| Basketball: Girls Varsity Regional | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | Regional Girls Basketball Tournament Game - Finals |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TUESDAY, FEB 20, 2018 |  |  |  |  |
| FFA |  |  |  | FFA Subdistrict at PCM High School |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity District Finals | TBD | TBA, TBA | TBA | Boys HS <br> Basketball <br> District <br> Tournament - <br> District Finals |

THURSDAY, FEB 22, 2018

| Early Learning Center | $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Amazing Race <br> Family <br> Night at <br> the |
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## FRIDAY, FEB 23, 2018

| WGCSD | NO SCHOOL - <br> Staff PD Day <br> HS Instrumental Music <br>  <br> MS Instrumental Music |
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|  | Jim Coffin Jazz |
|  | Festival at WG |
| MS/HS |  |
| MS Instrumental Music | Jim Coffin Jazz |
|  | Festival at WG |
|  | MS/HS |
|  | Jim Coffin Jazz |
|  | Festival at WG |
|  | MS/HS |

## SATURDAY, FEB 24, 2018

| HS Instrumental Music | Jim Coffin Jazz Festival at WG MS/HS |
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| MS Instrumental Music | Jim Coffin Jazz Festival at WG MS/HS |
| HS Speech | District Individual Speech Competition at Boone |

## MONDAY, FEB 26, 2018

| MS Vocal Music |  | WCAC MS <br> Choir Festival, <br> Location TBD |
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| Basketball: Girls Varsity <br> State | TBD | TBA |
| Girls State |  |  |
| Basketball |  |  |
| Tournament |  |  |

WEDNESDAY, FEB 28, 2018
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Basketball: Girls Varsity } & \text { TBD TBA, TBA TBA } \\ \text { State }\end{array}$
Girls State
Basketball
Tournament


Woodward-Granger CSD Offering FOR SALE

The Woodward-Granger Board of Education has authorized the following District items to be sold. Sealed bids on these items will be accepted until Thursday March $8^{\text {th }}$ at 4 p.m.. Bids may be e-mailed to brandemilosevich@wghawks.school or dropped off in a sealed envelope at 1904 State Street Granger, Iowa between the hours of 8-4 MTWTH and from 8-3:30 on Friday.
\#1. House To be Moved- the district recently acquired a house off the NE corner of the MS building ( 212 Maple Street). The intent is to clear the lot and level all structures on the property. Before doing this we would like to offer the house "to be moved" to the highest bidder. For details or for a showing of the property please contact 515-999-8022 or email davesmeltzer@wghawks.school
\#2 Garage To be Moved- the district recently acquired a house off the NE corner of the MS building (212 Maple Ave.) The intent is to clear the lot and level all structures on the property. Before doing this we would like to offer the garage on the property "to be moved" to the highest bidder. . For details or for a showing of the property please contact 515-999-8022 or email davesmeltzer@wghawks.school
\#3 2006 (65-passenger)Thomas School Bus Approx. $\qquad$ miles. This is a well running used school bus that is no longer needed and or used in our fleet.
\#4. 2004 Chevy Venture Van (Blue) approx.. 152,000 miles
\#5 Delta Whole Shop Dust Collector- 220 volts- older but in good working condition.

PRE-SORT STD.

## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## ECR WSS <br> POSTAL CUSTOMER

Woodward-Granger Board of Education
These are the Board members who represent the stakeholders in our district:


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